MARKET RATE SURVEY SUMMARY

Methodology and Data Source

All child care providers are given the survey form to complete and return upon entry into the system and upon renewals of certification, registration, or licensure. The state achieves a 100% response rate as the licensing data system cannot issue a license or registration unless the market rate survey is returned, the data entered by the licensing specialist and then approved by the regulatory supervisor. Child care providers are asked to update their rates any time changes are made. As 100% of child care providers in the state submit their data, the data is checked by the licensing specialist for accuracy prior to data entry, and then the regulatory supervisor performs a third level check, the state does not have any validity or reliability concerns regarding the information.

Sample Size and Response Rate

Sample sizes and response rates are listed below: West Virginia does not consider informal and relative care as part of the priced market for child care, but samples 100% of the child care population in the following categories:

- Family Child Care 718 out of 718 100% surveyed responded.
- Facilities: 126 out of 126 100% surveyed responded.
- Centers: 310 out of 310 100% surveyed responded.

Key Findings

According to the market rate survey conducted in July 2020, West Virginia's base rates vary from the 75th percentile of the market rate up to the 90th percentile. However, rates for programs that are accredited, and/or those that provide services during non-traditional hours vary from the 80th percentile to above the 100th percentile of the market rate.

TYPE OF CARE	RATES	INFANT (0-24 mos.)	TODDLER (25-36 mos.)	PRE-SCHOOL (37-59 mos.)	SCHOOL-AGE 60 months & up
Subsidized Family Child Care Home	Tier I Rate Day/Month	\$29	\$26	\$26	\$25
	Current Percentile Range	85 th	90 th	90 th	90 th
	Tier II Rate	\$32	\$29	\$29	\$28
	Current Percentile Range	95 th	95 th	95 th	95th
	Tier III Accreditation Rate	\$35	\$32	\$32	\$31
	Current Percentile Range	100 th	100 th	100 th	100 th
	75 th Percentile	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Family Child Care Facility	Tier I Rate Day/Month	\$31	\$30	\$30	\$30
	Current Percentile Range	80 th	80 th	80 th	80 th
	Tier II Rate	\$34	\$33	\$33	\$33
	Current Percentile Range	84 th	84 th	84 th	87 th
	Tier III Accreditation Rate	\$37	\$36	\$36	\$36
	Current Percentile Range	85 th	90 th	90 th	92 nd
	75 th Percentile	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Child Care Center	Tier I Rate Day/Month	\$36	\$34	\$32	\$30
	Current Percentile Range	80 th	80 th	75 th	80 th
	Tier II Rate	\$39	\$37	\$35	\$33
	Current Percentile Range	85 th	90 th	85 th	90 th
	Tier III Accreditation Rate	\$42	\$40	\$38	\$36
	Current Percentile Range	95 th	95 th	90 th	95 th
	75 th Percentile	\$35	\$33	\$32	\$30
Incentive Rate Supplements					
Special Needs Rate	Additional \$3.00 per day				
Shift Differential	\$6.00 extra per day for care during non-traditional hours and for days in excess of 12 hours.				